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SUBJECT: LOCAL PRESS COVERAGE OF DYMALLY PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. DEC. 20 EDITION AFTERNOON DAILY "CITIZEN" FRONT-PAGED  
CANA REPORT OF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY LT. GOV. MERVIN  
DYMALLY UPON HIS ARRIVAL IN PORT OF SPAIN DEC. 19.  
HEADLINE READ "SENATOR DYMALLY AGAINST INTERFERENCE BY  
CIA IN CARIBBEAN." CANA ARTICLE QUOTED THE LT. GOV. AS  
SAYING HE WAS AGAINST INTERFERENCE BY CIA IN AFFAIRS  
OF CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENTS. CANA REPORTER EDITORIALIZED  
THAT COMMENTS CONCERNING CIA INVOLVEMENT IN THE  
CARIBBEAN WERE IN THE WAKE OF RECENT FEARS EXPRESSED  
BY JAMAICA AND GUYANA OF ALLEGED ATTEMPTS BY THE U.S. TO  
DESTABILIZE THEM IN REPRISAL FOR ESTABLISHING  
RELATIONS WITH CUBA.

2. DYMALLY WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT IF  
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THERE WERE CIA AGENTS IN THE CARIBBEAN, THEY  
OUGHT TO RETURN VOLUNTARILY OR BE RECALLED BY  
USG. DYMALLY INDICATED THAT HE HELD SOME VERY  
STRONG VIEWS ON THAT SUBJECT AND ALSO THAT THE  
U.S. GOVERNMENT HAS NO BUSINESS INTERFERING  
IN THE AFFAIRS OF ANY NATION. THE LT. GOV.

WAS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "WE WERE TOO PARANOID ABOUT CUBA AND FIDEL CASTRO AND SHOULD RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT. AS A RESULT OF THIS PARANOIA, WE SEEM TO HAVE A VERY NEGATIVE ATTITUDE TO ANY CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS ANY RELATIONS WITH CUBA."

3. ARTICLE ALSO CONTAINED STATEMENTS REPORTED REFTEL BY DR. WINSTON MURRAY ABOUT THE ALLEGED NUMBER OF CIA AGENTS IN THE POLICE FORCE OF GOTT AND MENTIONED THE NON-COMMITTAL COMMENTS OF THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE IN REPLY TO THESE ALLEGATIONS.

4. CANA REPORT INCORRECTLY IDENTIFIED DYMALLY AS MEMBER OF THE U.S. SENATE IN ADDITION TO BEING LT. GOV. OF CALIFORNIA. REMAINDER OF ARTICLE DEALT PRIMARILY WITH DYMALLY'S ASSESSMENT OF CARTER VICTORY AND EMPHASIZING UNUSUAL SUPPORT CARTER RECEIVED FROM THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

5. COMMENT: FORTUNATELY ARTICLE DID NOT MENTION PENDING VISIT OF LT. GOV. TO GUYANA SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 27-29. HOWEVER, IF CORRECTLY REPORTED, THIS SENSATIONAL STATEMENT BY REPUTEDLY PROMINENT BLACK U.S. POLITICIAN CONCERNING CIA INTERFERENCE IN THE CARIBBEAN IS VERY UNFORTUNATE AT THIS TIME. AS WE HAVE CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN REPORTING WITHIN THE PAST MONTH, GOG HAS BEEN CONDUCTING AN INTENSIVE CAMPAIGN IN GUYANA STRESSING UNITY AND EMPHASIZING DANGERS OF DESTABILIZATION FROM CAPITALIST ENEMIES ABROAD PRESUMABLY THE UNITED STATES. SUCH STATEMENTS BY THE LT. GOV. WILL ONLY ADD CREDIBILITY TO SUCH ACCUSATIONS. WE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT UPON LT. GOV'S ARRIVAL ON DECEMBER 27 MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS WILL NOT ARRANGE A PRESS CONFERENCE. IN THIS CONNECTION, CHARGE HAS BEEN INFORMED BY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AT MFA THAT DYMALLY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY BISHOP JONES AND THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHILDREN OF GOD SECT OF CALIFORNIA WHO OPERATE AN AGRICULTURAL COMMUNE AT MATTHEWS RIDGE IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORY. THEIR VISIT IS BEING COORDINATED BETWEEN LOCAL CHURCH GROUP AND HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIAL AT MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT. WE HAVE BEEN

EXPERIENCING GREAT DIFFICULTY IN PINNING DOWN  
THE SCHEDULE OF THE LT. GOV. SO THAT POST CAN OFFER  
APPROPRIATE HOSPITALITY.

6. FOR PORT OF SPAIN. THIS ARTICLE EMPHASIZES  
IMPORTANCE EMBASSY URGE DISCRETION BY LT. GOV.  
WHILE IN GUYANA CONCERNING SUBJECT OF CIA AND  
DESTABILIZATION BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY OF ISSUE  
AND PRESENT STATE OF STRAINED US-GOG RELATIONS.  
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